

C. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE STANDARDS

Purpose: The following medical assistance countable income and resource standards are used to determine eligibility when cash assistance is not involved. See the following categories for eligibility and computation factors: **ADULT MEDICAL PROGRAMS, FAMILY MEDICAL PROGRAMS, PREGNANCY, INCOME, RESOURCES, and SPENDDOWN.**

Effective April 1, 2001

WAC 388-478-0065 Categorically needy income level (CNIL) and resource standards for families.

- (1) The categorically needy income level (CNIL) standard for family medical is the same as the grant payment standards for the TANF cash program as stated in WAC 388-478-0020.
- (2) The countable resource standards for family medical are the same as those of the TANF/SFA cash program as stated in WAC 388-470-0005.
- (3) For all medical programs an unborn child is counted as a household member when determining household size.

Effective January 1, 2002 (Emergency)

WAC 388-478-0070 Monthly income and countable resource standards for medically needy (MN) and medically indigent (MI) programs.

- (1) Beginning January 1, 2001, the medically needy income level (MNIL) and MI monthly income standards are as follows
 - (a) One person \$571
 - (b) Two persons \$592
 - (c) Three persons \$667
 - (d) Four persons \$742
 - (e) Five persons \$858
 - (f) Six persons \$ 975
 - (g) Seven persons \$1,125
 - (h) Eight persons \$1,242
 - (i) Nine persons \$1,358
 - (j) Ten persons and more \$1,483
- (2) The MNIL standard for a person who meets institutional status requirements is in WAC 388-513-1305(3).
- (3) Countable resource standards for the MN and MI programs are:
 - (a) One person - \$2,000
 - (b) Two persons - \$3,000
 - (c) For each additional family member add - \$50.

CLARIFYING INFORMATION

1. Eligibility for TANF-related MN is limited to children, pregnant women, or adults who are aged, blind, or disabled. See **FAMILY MEDICAL PROGRAMS** and **ADULT MEDICAL PROGRAMS**.
2. Under the MN or MI program, a person whose income is more than the MNIL can use medical expenses to reduce income. See **SPENDDOWN**.
3. For the MI program only, a person whose resources are more than the resource standard can use the medical expenses to reduce the spenddown amount. See **SPENDDOWN**.
4. Income and resource standards for long term care services are found in **LONG TERM CARE**.

Effective April 1, 2003

WAC 388-478-0075 Medical programs – Monthly income standards based on the federal poverty level (FPL).

- (1) The department bases the income standard upon the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for the following medical programs:
- (a) Pregnant women's program up to one hundred eighty-five percent of FPL;
 - (b) Children's categorically needy program up to two hundred percent of FPL;
 - (c) Healthcare for workers with disabilities (HWD) up to two hundred twenty percent of FPL; and
 - (d) The state children's health insurance program (SCHIP) is over two hundred percent of FPL but under two hundred fifty percent of FPL.

- (2) Beginning April 1, 2003, the monthly FPL standards are:

FAMILY SIZE	100% FPL Benchmark	185% FPL	200% FPL	220% FPL	250% FPL
1	\$749	\$1385	\$1497	\$1647	\$1871
2	\$1010	\$1869	\$2020	\$2222	\$2525
3	\$1272	\$2353	\$2544	\$2798	\$3180
4	\$1534	\$2837	\$3067	\$3374	\$3834
5	\$1795	\$3321	\$3590	\$3949	\$4488
6	\$2057	\$3805	\$4114	\$4525	\$5142
7	\$2319	\$4289	\$4637	\$5101	\$5796
8	\$2580	\$4773	\$5160	\$5676	\$6450
9	\$2842	\$5258	\$5684	\$6252	\$7105
10	\$3104	\$5742	\$6207	\$6828	\$7759

Add to the ten person standard for each person over ten:

\$262	\$485	\$524	\$576	\$655
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- (3) There are no resource limits for the programs under this section.

Effective September 12, 2002

WAC 388-478-0075 Medical programs--Monthly income standards based on federal poverty level (FPL).

- (1) The department bases the income standard upon the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for the following medical programs:
- (a) Pregnant women's program is one hundred eighty-five percent of FPL;
 - (b) Children's categorically needy program is two hundred percent of FPL;
 - (c) Healthcare for workers with disabilities (HWD) up to two hundred twenty percent of FPL; and
 - (d) The state children's health insurance program (SCHIP), is over two hundred percent of FPL, but under two hundred fifty percent of FPL.
- (2) Beginning April 1, 2002, the monthly FPL standards are:

Family Size	100% FPL (Benchmark)	185% FPL	200% FPL	220% FPL	250% FPL
1	\$739	\$1366	\$1477	\$1625	\$1846
2	\$995	\$1841	\$1990	\$2189	\$2488
3	\$1252	\$2316	\$2504	\$2754	\$3130
4	\$1509	\$2791	\$3017	\$3319	\$3771
5	\$1765	\$3266	\$3530	\$3883	\$4413
6	\$2022	\$3741	\$4044	\$4448	\$5055
7	\$2279	\$4215	\$4557	\$5013	\$5696
8	\$2535	\$4690	\$5070	\$5577	\$6338
9	\$2792	\$5165	\$5584	\$6142	\$6980
10	\$3049	\$5640	\$6097	\$6707	\$7621
Add to the ten person standard for each person over ten:					
	\$257	\$475	\$514	\$565	\$642

- (3) There are no resource limits for the programs under this section.

CLARIFYING INFORMATION

1. An unborn or confirmed multiple unborns are counted as family members when determining family (Assistance Unit) size.
2. There are no resource limits for the pregnant women's and children's (CN) programs when using the FPL income standards.
3. If the income of an Assistance Unit exceeds the FPL standards, consider eligibility for the MN program using the MNIL income standards in WAC 388-478-0070.
5. When using the MNIL standards, the MN countable resource standards apply to the pregnant women's program, but no resource standards apply to the children's MN or children's health programs.

Effective January 1, 2002 (Emergency)

WAC 388-478-0080 SSI-related CNIL medical monthly income and countable resource standards.

- (1) The SSI-related CNIL standard is the same as the SSI monthly payment standard based upon the area of the state where the person lives. Area 1 is defined as the following counties: King, Pierce, Snohomish, Thurston and Kitsap. Area 2 is all other counties. Beginning January 1, 2002, the CNIL monthly income standards are as follows:

	Area 1	Area 2
(a) Single person	\$570.90	\$550.45
(b) A legally married couple both eligible	\$836.90	\$817.00
(c) Supplied shelter	\$367.05	\$367.05

- (2) The countable resource standards for the SSI-related CN medical program are:

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| (a) | One person | \$2,000 |
| (b) | A legally married couple | \$3,000 |

CLARIFYING INFORMATION

If income exceeds the CNIL standard, consider the MN program. See **SPENDDOWN**

Effective April 1, 2003

WAC 388-478-0085 Medicare savings program--Monthly income and countable resources standards.

- (1) The qualified Medicare beneficiary (QMB) program income standard is up to one hundred percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Beginning April 1, 2003, the QMB program's income standards are:

- (a) One person \$ 749
- (b) Two persons \$ 1010

- (2) The special low-income Medicare beneficiary (SLMB) program income standard is over one hundred percent of FPL, but under one hundred twenty percent of FPL. Beginning April 1, 2003, the SLMB program's income standards are:

	Minimum	Maximum
a. One person:	\$ 749.01	\$ 898
b. Two persons:	\$ 1010.01	\$1212

3. The qualified individual (QI-1) program, program income standard is over one hundred twenty percent of FPL, but under one hundred thirty-five percent of FPL. Beginning April 1, 2003 the ESLMB [QI-1] program's income standards are:

	Minimum	Maximum
a. One person	\$ 898.01	\$ 1011
b. Two persons	\$1212.01	\$1364

- (3) The qualified disabled working individual (QDWI) program income standard is up to two hundred percent of FPL. Beginning April 1, 2003, the DWI program's income standards are:

- (a) One person \$1497
- (b) Two persons \$2020

- (4) The resource standard for the Medicare cost savings programs in this section is:

- (a) One person \$4000
- (b) Two persons \$6000